

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

- 1. Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services
Chapter and its heading: 25, Emergency Medical Services
Article and its heading: 5, Medical Direction Protocols for Emergency Medical Technicians
Section number: R9-25-501

2. The public information relating to the listed Section:

A.R.S. § 36-2202(E) authorizes the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) to suspend a protocol adopted pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2205 if the Director:

1. Determines that the rule is not in the public's best interest;
2. Initiates procedures pursuant to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6 to repeal the rule; and
3. Notifies all interested parties in writing of the Director's action and the reasons for that action.

The Director of the Department has determined that portions of A.A.C. R9-25-501, Protocol for Administration of a Vaccine, an Immunizing Agent, or a Tuberculin Skin Test by an EMT-I or an EMT-P, are not in the public's best interest because the requirements are redundant. Specifically, the Director has determined that it is not in the public's best interest to require an EMT-I(99) or EMT-P to complete the training required in R9-25-501(C) before the EMT-I(99) or EMT-P may administer an immunizing agent during an immunization clinic. The Director believes that requiring completion of this training is unnecessarily burdensome, as the skills and techniques necessary to administer an immunizing agent are already within the scope of practice of an EMT-I(99) or EMT-P, as established under R9-25-502(2). In addition, the Director believes that EMT-I(99)s and EMT-Ps already receive sufficient training on aseptic procedures for administering an injection and the possible adverse reactions, including anaphylaxis, that may occur as a result of administering an immunizing agent.

For the reasons stated above, the Director hereby suspends the training requirement in R9-25-501(C) as applied to an EMT-I(99) or EMT-P who desires to administer an immunizing agent as part of an immunization clinic. **The suspension is effective on May 1, 2007.**

A.R.S. § 36-2205(C) exempts R9-25-501 from the provisions of A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6.

Because of this, the Director is not initiating procedures under that Chapter to repeal the rule.

Rather, the Department is in the process of drafting a Notice of Exempt Rulemaking to repeal R9-25-501, adopt a new R9-25-501 that excludes the training requirement suspended through this Notice, and amend R9-25-503 to include the immunizing agents currently included in R9-25-

501(B)(1). After drafting the Notice of Exempt Rulemaking, the Department will have the Notice of Exempt Rulemaking considered by the Education Committee of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council; the Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee of the Medical Direction Commission (MDC); MDC; and EMS Council.

The Director believes that this Notice, which the Department will post on its website and about which the Department will e-mail stakeholders, satisfies the requirement of A.R.S. § 36-2205(E)(3).

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